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IF YOU BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO DISCUSS MATTER
AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL, BONN AND LONDON SHOULD EMPHASIZE
POINT MADE BY AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD AS INDICATED IN PARA. 5
OF USNATO 640, I.E., THAT IT IS REASONABLE TO CONCLUDE
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THAT THE U.S. IS NOT IN A POSITION TO AGREE TO ANY SHARE

AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN THE CURRENT EFFECTIVE LEVEL OF 20 PER CENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS MERELY REQUIRES A CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT CONTRIBUTION TOTALING 80 PER CENT BY THE OTHER ALLIES FOR A PROGRAM WHICH WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE WITHIN THE RANGE OF DOLS. 1.5 - DOLS. 2 BILLION FOR FIVE YEARS, THE MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR PRIORITY PROJECTS. YOU SHOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT EARLY AGREEMENT ON THIS, AND BELGIAN PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF COST SHARING FORMULA FOR NATO CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGETS ALONG LINES INDICATED IN USNATO 246 WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL AND GREATLY APPRECIATED. PARIS SHOULD EXPRESS HOPE THAT FRENCH WILL FACILITATE OUR EFFORTS TO REDUCE U.S. SHARE IN CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE SYSTEM DEFICIT (SEE PARA. 4 A.(2) OF

USNATO 558), AND THAT WE HOPE THAT THEY WILL NOT BLOCK AGREEMENT WHICH WE WOULD LIKE ON BELGIAN PROPOSAL FOR CIVIL BUDGET COST SHARING WHICH WOULD RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF THE FRENCH SHARE FROM 17.1 PER CENT TO 18.5 PER CENT. KISSINGER

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